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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-20. (Cancelled).

21. (Previously Presented) A system for enabling a hand-held, mobile data acquisition device, said system comprising:

a software application for use with the mobile data acquisition device, the software application being located on a remote computer,

the remote computer transferring the software application from the remote computer to the mobile data acquisition device, the mobile data acquisition device comprising a User Role selection module, an application list module, and an application selection module,

the remote computer installing and activating the software application for use by the mobile data

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acquisition device, the software application being determined by a user and replacing a factory default software application.

22. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 21 wherein the User Role selection module displays a list of User Roles for the user.

23. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 21 wherein the application list module maintains a list of available software applications for the mobile data acquisition device.

24. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 21 wherein the application selection module maintains a list of enabled software applications for the mobile data acquisition devices.

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25. (New): A system for enabling a hand-held, mobile data acquisition device, said system comprising:
the mobile data acquisition device; and
a remote computer that stores a first set of software applications representing a first User Role, for use with the mobile data acquisition device, the remote computer being configured to transfer the first set of software applications from the remote computer to the mobile data acquisition device, and install the first set of software applications to replace a factory default software application.

26. (New): The system as set forth in claim 25 wherein the remote computer is configured to disable the first set of applications and enable a second set of applications for the mobile data acquisition device, the second set of applications representing a second User Role.

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27. (New): The system as set forth in claim 25 wherein the mobile data acquisition device includes a User Role selection module, an application list module, and an application selection module.

28. (New): The system as set forth in claim 27 wherein the User Role selection module displays a list of User Roles for the user.

29. (New): The system as set forth in claim 27 wherein the application list module maintains a list of available software applications for the mobile data acquisition device.

30. (New): The system as set forth in claim 27 wherein the application selection module maintains a list of enabled software applications for the mobile data acquisition devices.

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31. (New): The system as set forth in claim 27 wherein the mobile data acquisition device disables a software application no longer needed by the mobile data acquisition device.

32. (New): The system as set forth in claim 25 wherein the remote computer maintains an application installation log for determining software applications enabled at a given time.

33. (New): The system as set forth in claim 25 wherein the remote computer requests an application activation file from the mobile data acquisition device.

34. (New): A method for enabling a hand-held, mobile data acquisition device, comprising:

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storing a first set of software applications representing a first User Role, for use with the mobile data acquisition device, at a remote computer;

transferring the first set of software applications from the remote computer to the mobile data acquisition device;

installing the first set of software applications on the mobile data acquisition device to replace a factory default software application; and

enabling the first set of software applications at the mobile data acquisition device, such that the first set of software applications can be accessed by a user of the mobile data acquisition device.

35. (New): The method as set forth in claim 34, further comprising:

disabling the first set of applications; and

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enabling a second set of applications, representing a second User Role, at the mobile data acquisition device.

36. (New): The method as set forth in claim 34 further comprising displaying a list of User Roles for the user at the mobile data acquisition device.

37. (New): The method as set forth in claim 34, further comprising disabling a software application at the mobile data acquisition device when the software is no longer needed for a particular User Role.

38. (New): The method as set forth in claim 34 further comprising maintaining an application installation log at the remote computer for determining software applications enabled at a given time.